(648 642) land and all large industrial enterprises. According to the Estonian Constitution, such laws could be passed only by the National Assembly, a two-chamber parliament. But the State Council never was elected and the election of the House of Representatives was illegal.[1] Estonia was incorporated into the Soviet Union on August 6, 1940, and became the Estonian SSR, sixteenth republic in the USSR. The diplomatic representatives of the Estonian Republic abroad took care that the Western world was informed of this act of aggression. The countries of the West, with very few exceptions, have never recognized the Soviet occupation of Estonia.

(661 [625]) Parallel with the economic sovietization of Estonia worked the terror of the secret police, NKVD (People's Commissariat of the Interior), later the MVD (Ministerstvo Vnutrennikh Del, Ministry of Internal Affairs).

1 [See Cat. 116, pp. 61-2 -- 63 -- Analyst]

1:Indiana U. S-4, 5(1954-5)1955 RG4 Estonia RG4

Annex "A," Subparagraph 2d,

Political Background

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625 The police system in the Estonian SSR is the same as in the Soviet Union. Since the U. S. S. R. is a police State, it relies much on the police which has changed its name many times; N. K. V. D., M. V. D. and M. G. B. This is the most hated behind-the-scenes power of the Soviet Administration, and has its secret agents everywhere. In many cases, these agents are acquired through coercion and threat and they must perform their duties exactly as they are prescribed.

5: Amer. Russ. Inst. (no date) 1950 RG4 Estonia RG4

[Estonian constitution as of November, 1947]

631 Art. 63. The executive organs of the Soviets of Working People's Deputies are directly accountable both to the Soviets of Working People's Deputies which elected them and to the executive organs of the respective superior Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

Art. 64. The superior Executive Committees of the Soviets of Working People's Deputies have the right to annul decisions and orders of inferior Executive Committees and to suspend decisions and orders of inferior Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

Art. 65. The superior Soviets of Working People's Deputies have the right to annul decisions and orders of inferior Soviets of Working People's Deputies and of their Executive Committees.

632 Art. 66. The district Soviets of Working People's Deputies set up the following Departments of their Executive Committees:

- a Department of Land
- a Department of Finance
- a Department of Trade
- a Department of Public Health
- a Department of Public Education
- a Department of Local Industry
- a Department of the Municipal Economy
- a Department of Labor
- a Department of Roads
- a General Department
- a Planning Commission, and a Cadres Sector

under the Chairman of the Executive Committees and in addition, in accordance with the specific features of the economy of the district, the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies may set up other Departments or Administrations subject to confirmation by the corresponding Ministries.

[625] Art. 67. The all-Union Ministries and the Ministry of Internal Affairs set up their Administrations under the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies in accordance with the conditions of the district and on the basis of the laws of the USSR and of the Estonian SSR.

Art. 68. The Departments and Administrations of the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies are subordinate in their activities both to the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies and their Executive Committees and to the corresponding Ministries of the Estonian SSR.

633 Art. 69. The city Soviets of Working People's Deputies set up the following Departments of their Executive Committees:

- a Department of Public Health
- a Department of the Municipal Economy
- a Department of Labour
- a Department of Public Education
- a General Department
- a Department of Social Maintenance
- a Department of Trade
- a Department of Finance
- a Planning Commission
- a Cadres Sector